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1. AS REQUESTED IN REFTEL, THE EMBASSY HAS ADMINISTERED ALIGU TESTS TO ALL ROMANIAN GRADUATE STUDENT NOMINEES FOR AY 1974/75. LISTED BELOW ARE THE SCORES:

STUDENT	SCORE
CATANA	12
CRISTEA	49
CRETU	98.5
DALEA	49
GAVRILA	23
IGNAT	45
ILONCA	52
MIHALACHE	15
MORAR	27
PETRUS	39
POPESCU	65
RUSS	62
SANDRU	27
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TASCA	98.5
TOADER	94

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2. SCORES ABOVE, COUPLED WITH ALIGU SCORES OF FOUR DOCTORAL STUDY NOMINEES (ANDREI, GEORGESCU, MARINESCU, AND SACALIS) REPORTED IN BUCHAREST 4554, PLUS ORAL RATINGS (BUCHAREST A-023 AND A-047) CONSTITUTE COMPLETE ENGLISH EVALUATIONS OF ALL NOMINEES THIS CATEGORY AT THIS TIME.

3. ONCE AGAIN, EMBASSY WISHES TO POINT OUT THAT ALIGU EXAMINATION IS OF DOUBTFUL VALIDITY IN PREDICTING ORAL PERFORMANCE ABILITY OF ROMANIAN CANDIDATES AT U.S. UNIVERSITIES. LOW SCORES REPORTED HERE REFLECT MORE ACCURATELY THE EXAMINATION EMPHASIS ON GRAMMAR THAN ACTUAL LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY. (NICOLAE SANDRU IS, FOR EXAMPLE, FULLY FUNCTIONAL IN ENGLISH.) APPLICATION OF ARBITRARY STANDARD OF 85 AS QUALIFYING SCORE BY U.S. INSTITUTIONS WOULD BE NEITHER ACCURATE NOR SERVE PROGRAM PURPOSE. WE RECOGNIZE PLACEMENT DILEMMA CAUSED BY ABSENCE SOME OBJECTIVE MEASURE. WE ARE SKEPTICAL, HOWEVER, THAT ALIGU TEST (OUR ONLY OPTION) RESOLVES DIFFICULTY. PLACEMENT AGENCY SHOULD BE AWARE THAT ALL CANDIDATES UNDERGOING INTENSIVE ENGLISH TRAINING (25 CLASSROOM HOURS PER WEEK) AND THAT ALIGU AND ORAL INTERVIEWS WILL BE ADMINISTERED AGAIN BY EMBASSY IN JUNE. EMBASSY EVALUATIONS REPORTED PREVIOUSLY REMAIN BEST GUIDE FOR PRESENT. (OUR RECORDS SHOW 13 CANDIDATES FULLY LANGUAGE QUALIFIED NOW FOR SEVENTEEN POSITIONS. INTENSIVE TRAINING WILL, UNDOUBTEDLY, FURTHER QUALIFY OTHERS.)

4. WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING VIA O-I ROUTE, MORE DETAILED INFORMATION CONCERNING U.S. SUMMER LANGUAGE PROGRAM AVAILABLE TO CANDIDATES IN ALL CATEGORIES.
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